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LEHMER MUST REPAY CITY

CITY WINS COMPLETE VICTORY

Court Says Treasurer Has Overpaid Himself and Must Reimburse City for Money so Withheld

That City Treasurer F. C. Lehmer has overpaid himself for his services as treasurer and that he must repay to the city all the money which he has wrongfully withheld from the treasury is the ruling of Judge Murphy of Mono County, who heard the case of the City of Sierra Madre, Plaintiff, vs. F. C. Lehmer et al., Defendant. The decision was given out Tuesday after having been held under advisement for several weeks. It is a complete victory for the city and a complete denial of Lehmer's contentions as to principles and facts.

Lehmer's contention that he was entitled to one per cent on all money received by him and one percent on all money paid out is held to be contrary to the language and intent of the state law governing the compensation of treasurers where no salary is allowed by ordinance. The court rules that he is entitled to one per cent only on money received by him.

Soon after taking office two years ago Lehmer began to credit himself with one per cent on all city money as it came in and one per cent as he paid it out, making his compensation two per cent of all money handled. This was contrary both to local precedent and to all other precedents that could be found. The city trustees refused to accept his reports with that showing, contending that the action was contrary to precedent and to state law. All other forms of persuasion having failed to make any impression they ordered the city attorney to begin proceedings to force restitution of money which Lehmer had overpaid himself.

Complaint was filed by City Attorney Bridges in the superior court charging that Lehmer had wrongfully withheld from the treasury the one per cent on moneys paid out by him and demanding its restitution. Lehmer's attorneys filed an answer attempting to justify his course with Lehmer's own interpretation of the law. The city attorney filed a demurrer to the answer in which he denied the interpretation set forth in the answer and claimed that the answer did not constitute a defense. A decision in a similar case tried some years ago in Sonoma County was cited for authority. On Tuesday Judge Murphy sustained this demurrer to the answer of Lehmer's attorneys and denied them leave to amend, shutting off all further attempts to fight the case except by appeal.

Judge Murphy's decision embodies the language of the Sonoma County decision, to which it also refers for authority. He says the language of the statute is so clear as to make interpretation on his part unnecessary. He is so emphatic as to leave room for wonder on what grounds the treasurer could have hoped to have his contention sustained. The decision reads as follows:

"In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.

"City of Sierra Madre, plaintiff, vs. F. C. Lehmer, et al, defendant. No. 88,216.

"After fully considering the matter I am satisfied that there is nothing requiring construction by the court. The language is clear, and in view of the fact that the statute has been in force for a great many years, and has been the subject of litigation, determined adversely to the contention of the defendant, it would seem that if the legislative intent were different from the statutory expression it would have been taken out of the realm of doubt long before this, through the activities of a large number of office holders directly interested.

It is apparent that inequalities may arise through the operation of the statute and that services may be performed for which there would appear to be no compensation provided. The office holder must be presumed to have taken this into consideration in qualifying to perform the duties.

I attach hereto a well-considered opinion involving the same principle, wherein the city of Healdsburg, a city of the same class, was party, and adopt the reasoning therein contained.

The demurrer to the answer will be sustained, without leave to amend.

J. D. MURPHY, Judge.

"Dated March 12, 1912."

The decision of Judge Murphy is an important one, as it affects every city of the sixth class in the state where the treasurer's compensation is not fixed by ordinance. Since the beginning of the dispute in Sierra Madre an ordinance has been passed establishing the treasurer's salary at $300 annually and eliminating the percentage plan.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING

Small Attendance Does Not Prevent Transaction of Important Business.

Attendance at Monday evening's meeting of the Board of Trade was not large, party due to the fact that no notices were sent out on account of the illness of the secretary, and possibly to a feeling on the part of some that attendance at the banquet constituted a full performance of their duty. In the absence of President Tarr the chair was occupied by Vice President J. D. Mackerras and A. S. Mead was elected secretary pro tem. On motion of F. D. R. Moote the sum of $25 was appropriated for the Flower Festival fund, it being the feeling of those present that the money could not be spent to better advantage for advertising purposes.

Chairman Ballou of the entertainment committee reported a balance of something like $20 on hand after paying all banquet expenses, something which was never known to happen in the past. It was the unanimous opinion of the members that he was deserving of a hearty vote of thanks for his strenuous work which had contributed so largely to the success of the event. J. A. Patterson was also tendered a vote of thanks for coming to the rescue with his piano player when the expected music failed at a late hour.

The sum of $5 was voted for Sierra Madre's share in the expense of the campaign of the foothill towns' state boulevard committee. C. W. Jones reported having attended a meeting of the committee at which a sub-committee of seven members was appointed to carry on the executive work of the campaign. He said the men in charge of the movement seen sanguine that their work will be successful in securing recognition for the foothill route and are bringing every possible influence to bear to secure that result.

Chairman Mackerras of the membership committee reported that while not as many new members had been secured as a result of the banquet as had been hoped for he expected that others would sign up soon. Recent signers of membership cards are T. E. Yerxa, H. C. Churchill, F. Biederman, T. M. Webster, E. L. Yerxa, M. Stevens, G. Hallett Johnson, C. H. Baker and C. H. Perry.

FIRST RACE ENTRY

MAN 73 YEARS OLD SIGNS ENTRY BLANK FOR THE ANNUAL MT. WILSON CONTEST

First of the athletes to sign the entry blank for the fifth annual Sierra Madre-Mt. Wilson race was George Schoenhutt, a 73-year young athlete. He is at present staying in Los Angeles but is a globe trotter who has been in about every country on earth. As might be guessed he is a German. The race, in fact, seems to be taking on something of an international event. Chairman Patterson of the Board of Trade's race committee is assured that the entry list will represent Australia, England, Germany, Greece and Italy, as well as America.

JAPS ARE FINE HOSTS

Entertainment Delights Large Audience in Spite of Rainy Evening

In spite of the downpour of rain an audience which nearly packed the club house auditorium attended the entertainment given under the auspices of the Japanese Association last Saturday evening. Those who attended were well rewarded with one of the most novel and meritorious programs ever rendered in Sierra Madre.

Mr. Hoshino, president of the local association, made the opening address in Japanese. He introduced Mr. Kasai of Pasadena who made a congratulatory address in English. He noted the absence of some of the Japanese colony and the preponderance of Americans in the audience and humorously remarked that he guessed the Americans must be braver than the Japanese to have turned out so well in the face of the storm. Mayor C. W. Jones was called upon for a response to the address of welcome and goodfellowship.

The Japanese entertainment numbers were pleasing and aroused unbounded enthusiasm on the part of the audience. Mr. Shigeta, royal court illusionist of the Mikado, was easily the star and his feats would rank with those of the greatest magicians. His success in plucking money by the hatful from the empty air made everybody present wish to be a magician of equal ability.

Following the program a number of specially invited guests were asked to remain, and dainty refreshments were served.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Church of the Ascension, the Rev. Dr. George H. Cornell, rector. Fourth Sunday in Lent. Holy Communion, 7:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m. Subject of sermon, "Woman and the Gospel." All are cordially invited.

NEAR MARCH RECORD

RAINFALL FIGURES FOR MONTH ARE CLOSE TO RECORD FOR TWENTY-THREE YEARS

With only half the month gone and only one other March in 24 years showing a heavier rainfall the present month bids fair to set a new mark. According to the record of Mr. Blumer the rainfall this month has reached a total of 14.74 inches.

The only March in the past 24 years which exceeds that showing was in 1906 when 18.40 inches fell during the entire month. The average rainfall for the month during the last 23 years, according to Mr. Blumer's records, has been 5.91 inches.

Complete rainfall figures for Sierra Madre for the season of 1911-12 to date are furnished by Mr. Blumer as follows:

October	.10
November	.08
December	.94
January	.23
February	...
March 1	.32
March 3	.02
March 4	3.09
March 5	1.32
March 6	2.44
March 9	2.04
March 10	3.42
March 12	1.70
March 13	.39
	14.74
Total to date	16.09

For purposes of comparison with published records for the season in Pasadena and Los Angeles the September rainfall of 1.56 inches should be added to this total, making 17.65 inches for the season.

SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL

Pasadena May Hold Session This Year If Present Plans Materialise

Sierra Madre is interested in the proposed plan to hold a summer session at the Pasadena high school. By reason of the fact that Sierra Madre pupils attend the Pasadena institution it is likely that some would take advantage of the course offered. Supt. J. H. Francis of the Los Angeles schools has written Charles R. Burger of the school committee of the Parent-Teacher Association, as follows

"Our experiment with vacation schools last summer, although the first in this city, was highly satisfactory. We opened two types of schools, one for the younger children, offering them a place to spend their time profitably in music, art and dancing, playground and gardening, woodwork, and natural language work, and another for the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth grades, offering opportunities to pupils who have fallen behind, or who wish to make up advanced work. This latter work will be enlarged the coming summer to cover the Eleventh year and possibly will take in the Sixth. These schools pay from any viewpoint. They save the city the expense and trouble of carrying the repeaters. They give courage and hope to the pupil who has fallen behind his class, and they offer legitimate and profitable employment of his time to the pupil. This saves him from the street, with all its undesirable experiences and temptations. There are but few phases of our school work more promising or profitable."

The committee appointed by the Parent-Teacher Association at a recent meeting are about to poll the high school students and thereby ascertain the number of scholars who may wish to take the course which will probably be from ten weeks to two months in the forenoon. Sierra Madre people who are interested can assist by addressing Mr. Charles R. Burger, Pasadena, or any other member of the school committee.

AUDUBON SOCIETY

The Audubon Society will hold its regular meeting next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. J. A. Osgood will be the hostess, at her home on West Montecito Avenue.

In Line at Election

"Let me see the tickets,"
Said she in dainty tone;
"I've really been too busy
To fix one of my own;
I fear the decorations
Are not in proper taste,
But I'll stop and look them over
Since I have the time to waste.

Hey, you fellers, tip your hats
And each put on your coat.
Stand aside, O'Hoolihan,
An' let the lady vote!

"Who are all those people
Standing back in line?
They must stop their voting
Till I finish mine.
Let me have a pencil!
My purse! I've let it fall!
What a dreadful lot of names!
I'll have to read them all!"

Hey, you fellers, quit your row!
Kelly, save yer throat!
Stop yer cussin', Flannigan,
An' let the lady vote!"

—Washington Star.

FINE FESTIVAL FUND

CONTINUATION OF RAINS AND ADDITIONS TO SUBSCRIPTION LIST ARE ENCOURAGING

Enthusiasm in behalf of the flower festival to be given April 18, 19 and 20 has been greatly stimulated by the generous additions to the subscription list and by the encouraging rains, interspersed with days of sunshine.

Stormy weather interfered so much with the attendance at the entertainment given by the Japanese association that their profits which were to have been given to the festival fund, were cut to the vanishing point. However the members of the association have generously raised among themselves the sum of $18 which has been contributed.

Flower Festival post cards will be on sale within a day or two and residents of Sierra Madre are urged to use them liberally as a means of advertising the event. They are printed in blue and gold, the festival colors, and the design is a bunch of poppies and delphiniums, with a cut of the club house. Special flower festival envelopes and slips for enclosure with letters and other mail matter will be given out free at the News office next week. These and every other possible means should be used to encourage visitors to come to Sierra Madre at the time of the festival, and especially for the week end which will include the street parade, children's music program and the cotillion.

Chairmen of additional committees announced this week are Mrs. L. C. Torrance who will have charge of the prizes, and A. S. Mead who will have charge of the parade. All committee chairmen are expected to meet at the club house Tuesday evening, March 19.

The school children's geranium exhibit will be displaced this year by an exhibit of pots of mixed plants cared for by children.

The subscription list to date is given below, although some other subscriptions have doubtless been made and not yet reported by the various committee members:

C. W. Mitchell	$25
Board of Trade	25
Blinn Lumber Co.	25
Japanese Assn. of Sierra Madre	18
J. W. Tarr	15
E. W. Camp	15
W. J. Lawless	15
F. D. R. Moote	10
C. W. Jones	10
L. Dietz	10
L. E. Steinberger	10
F. B. Lewis	10
A. S. Mead	10
S. R. Norris	10
W. H. Ingraham	10
F. P. Burch	10
Clark & Graham	10
F. H. Hartman	10
First National Bank	10
Miss T. H. Graham	10
Andrew Olsen	5
C. H. Perry	5
M. C. Doucet	5
Miss Lea	5
Oswald Kehlet	5
J. A. Osgood	5

PETITIONS ALL FILED

CAMPAIGN FOR CITY ELECTION NOW IN FULL SWING WITH LINES CLEARLY DRAWN

Nominating petitions for all city offices were filed last Friday, making the lineup just as had been predicted in last week's News. The only points in doubt at that time were as to who would be the candidates for the long and short terms for city trustee, and the possibility of other candidates appearing at the eleventh hour.

Two trustees are to be elected for the full term of four years and one for a short term of two years. All three of the retiring trustees appear for re-election, the candidates for the full term being C. W. Jones and J. C. Pegler. The opposition candidates are W. F. Deutsch and J. A. Osgood. For the short term N. H. Hosmer appears for re-election, his opponent being F. O. Nichols.

Of course F. C. Lehmer wants to be continued as "city treasurer" and the only other candidate for the office of treasurer is J. L. Turner. C. H. Perry has no opposition as city clerk.

SNOW ATTRACTS THRONGS

Since the rain of Tuesday Mt. Wilson and some of the lower peaks of the range have been covered with a glistening mantle of snow. The rains and sunshine have caused vegetation in the valley to take on fresh hues of vivid green, affording the ever wonderful contrast between winter and summer within a distance of a few miles. The snow on the mountains has attracted the usual throng of mountain climbers, some from colder climes being eager for a reminiscent touch of the "beautiful," and some of them just native "tenderfeet" who have never before come in contact with it. All day Thursday the Sierra Madre cars were packed with the boisterous crowds on the way to the Mt. Wilson trail.

TERMS OF COMPENSATION LAW

New Industrial Liability Law Not Yet Made Mandatory

A mistaken idea has gained wide acceptance that the compensation amendment to the constitution of California, voted for by The People last October, and adopted by a huge majority, made the "Compensation" provisions of the Roseberry Liability Law compulsory upon all employers. This idea has gained especial credence among the farmers of California and they feel that they are now made responsible for all injuries to their employees through accident whether or not they, themselves, or any of their employees were blameworthy for such accident.

Such is not the fact. The adoption of amendment 10 merely gave the legislature power to make such a law compulsory, but that power has not been exercised and is not likely to be until the people of the state have had opportunity to become thoroughly acquainted with the statute and the principle of "compensation" as applied to instances of personal injury through accident.

The "compensation" provisions of the Roseberry Liability law are "elective" and until an employer notifies the Industrial Accident Board that he desires to do business under "compensation" neither he nor his employees are under the compensation provisions of said law. Those provisions of the law of liability are to them as though they did not exist.

Put all of the employers of labor in California who have not "elected" to accept the "compensation" provisions of the Roseberry act are under the law of Liability for damages resulting from negligence, just as they have been ever since California came into the possession of the United States of America, save that the old common-law defenses of "assumption of risk" and "fellow servant" have been abolished and the rule of "contributary negligence" has been somewhat modified.

In short, the liability of an employer not under "compensation" to an employee injured by accident is, under the amended law, almost exactly identical with the liability of such employer to any citizen not in his employ. The case still goes to a court for adjustment and not to the Industrial Accident Board. Jury rights are preserved and the measure of liability will be the will of the jury and the sanction of the court rather than a liability limited in amount by statutory provision as would be the case under "compensation," if elected. This explanation is made in the interests of a mooted issue heretofore much confused through misinformation.

CLUBHOUSE NEGATIVE LOST

At the time of last year's flower festival Mr. F. P. Conard loaned a negative of the Woman's Club house to the committee in charge for the purpose of having a picture made. The negative has since disappeared and no one seems to know what has become of it. Probably it is in the hands of some one who has forgotten about it. Any one knowing of its whereabouts will confer a favor upon Mr. Conrad and on the festival committee by returning it. It was a glass negative, 5x7 inches.

GOOD TEMPLAR MEETING

The Good Templay lodge will hold its regular meeting Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. On Tuesday evening members of the local lodge to the number of fifteen braved the storm and visited the session of the Pasadena lodge, where an enjoyable evening was spent.

NEW BUSINESS BLOCK GOES UP

WILL HOUSE HARDWARE STORES

Combining of Two Stores Under One Roof Will Further Centralize Business Section

Work is well under way on a new business block being erected by C. S. Kersting for the use of Clark & Graham. The building will front on Central avenue, being situated just west of the bank building, which it will adjoin.

The new building will be 34x100 feet. These commodious quarters will be occupied by the hardware and plumbing business of Clark & Graham. Their two stores will be united under one roof where their complete hardware stock will be housed. Their plumbing and tin shop will occupy the rear portion.

This move on the part of Clark & Graham will serve to further centralize the business of the town about the Pacific Electric station. The hardware store on West Central near Lima is one of the oldest stores in Sierra Madre. With the building up of a new business section at Central and Baldwin they opened a second store opposite the P. E. station and have operated both stores for about five years.

E. I. Webster has decided to make his winter home in Sierra Madre. He has purchased from his friend, Gustave Koch of Alegria avenue, a lot adjoining Mr. Koch's property, and has contracted with Mr. Koch to build him a home at a cost of about $10,000. Work will be commenced next week and the contract calls for completion of building and grounds by October 1. The house and garage will be of concrete and hollow tile construction with old mission tile roof. Plumbing will be of the very latest design. Steam heat will be used throughout. Electric wires will be carried to the building in underground conduits, eliminating the unsightly poles and overhead wires.

Mr. Webster is a globe trotter who has had opportunity to make leisurely inspection of the beauty spots of the entire world. He selected Sierra Madre as the place which appealed to him most of all as a place of residence. Mr. Koch says he has other friends looking at Sierra Madre property with a view to making their homes here.

PLANNING NEW CLUB

The meeting called for the purpose of taking up the subject of forming a club for study of Civics, met and listened to a very interesting address by Mrs. Parry on the desirability of such an organization. It would not be formed in any sense, as a political party, nor to seek office, but primarily to study the needs of our own community; and our own county. This need of knowledge was emphasized by the speaker Monday afternoon, when she informd us that within the limits of Los Angeles were courts where seventy-five apartments have but one faucet for their water supply and but one toilet, conditions so much easier removed now, than they will be when Los Angeles has doubled her population.

Mrs. J. A. Osgood has invited those interested to meet at her home, as guests of the Audobon society, Monday, March 18th, 3 p. m., when a permanent organization will be formed.

DR. A. J. MACE-BETTS,
Chairman of Committee.

Sierra Madre Directory

CITY GOVERNMENT

TRUSTEES—C. W. Jones, Chairman; J. J. Graham, N. H. Hosmer, J. C. Pegler, L. E. Steinberger. Clerk and Recorder, C. H. Perry; Treasurer, F. C. Lehmer; Attorney, H. F. Bridges; Engineer, W. F. Bixby; Street Superintendent, N. H. Hosmer; Marshal and Tax Collector, A. M. Udell; Chairman Board of Health, Dr. R. H. Mackerras.

Trustees meet in City Hall on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p. m.

BOARD OF TRADE

ORGANIZED to promote the civic and commercial development of Sierra Madre. Meets in City Hall on second Monday evening of each month at 8 p. m.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

SIERRA MADRE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY—Central avenue, W. of Lima. Open each weekday afternoon from 1:30 to 5:30 and from 7 to 9 o'clock each evening. Mrs. F. B. Wheatley, Librarian. Municipal Library Board—George B. Morgridge, Chairman; H. J. Potter Mrs. E. T. Pierce, W. S. Andrews, J. A. Osgood.

CHURCHES

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL — Central avenue, at Hermosa. Rev. James M. Campbell, D. D., pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; morning service, 11 a. m.; Christian Endeavor Society, 6:45 p. m.; evening service, 7:30 p. m.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION (Episcopal)—Dr. George H. Cornell, Rector. Residence, The Rectory. Phone Black 70. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; Morning Prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.; Holy Communion first Sunday in the month, 11 a. m.; on the greater festival and other days by appointment, 7:30 a. m.; Sunday evening service from October to July, 7:30 p. m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC—Chapel on Highland avenue, east of Baldwin. Rev. M. W. Parth in charge. Services at 9 a. m. Sunday

HOME OF TRUTH—493 Auburn Ave. Sunday service, 3:30 p.m. Bible lesson, Wednesday, 3 p.m. Healing meeting, Friday, 8 p.m. All are welcome.

FRATERNAL

SIERRA MADRE LODGE, No. 408, F. & A. M.—Stated meeting first Tuesday in each month. All visiting Masons welcome. Club House Hall. W. J. Lawless, W. M. J. D. Mackerras, Secretary.

SIERRA MADRE CHAPTER, O. E. S., No. 299, meets the first and third Mondays of each month in Woman's Club House Hall at 8 p.m. Visiting members welcome. Mrs. Frank Biederman, W. M. H. H. Stinbarger, Secretary.

SIERRA MADRE POST OFFICE

Mail Arrives

From the East—9 a. m.; 10 a. m.; 3:30 p. m.; 6 p. m.

From the West—9 a. m.; 3:30 p. m.; 6 p.m.

Mail Departs

For the East—7:40 a. m.; 11:30 a. m.; 2:15 p. m.; 4:30 p. m.

For the West—7:40 a. m.; 11:30 a. m.; 4:30 p. m.

Post Office Hours

Delivery—7:30 a. m. to 6:40 p. m. Lobby open till 8 p. m. Lobby open Sundays from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.

PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY

Leave Los Angeles A.M.	P.M.	Leave Sierra Madre A.M.	P.M.
5:55	12:05	6:10	12:10
6:25	12:25!	7:00	1:10
7:05	1:05	7:30!	1:42!
8:05	2:05	8:10	2:10
9:05	3:05	9:10	3:10
10:05	4:05	10:10	4:10
11:05	4:45	11:10	5:10
	5:05		5:45
	5:30		6:08
	6:05		7:05
	8:05		9:00
	9:55		10:50
	11:45		

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Brief Items of Interest

The I. I. C. met at the home of Mrs. Costello on Thursday afternoon

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Andrews spent the week end at their Redondo Beach cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mitchell have returned from a month's visit to San Francisco.

A. N. Adams has been confined to his home this week with a severe attack of the grip.

Mrs. George Humphries has been spending the week at Oceanside as the guest of friends.

Miss Berenice Pillsbury has gone to Redlands where she will take a hospital nurse's training course.

The Modern Priscillas were delightfully entertained at the home of Miss Alma Jones Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Alice M. Staples has returned from Oxnard where she has been a guest at the home of her son, Paul C. Staples.

Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Sawday have removed from the Robinson cottage on Montecito to a bungalow on San Gabriel Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nichols and daughter of Los Angeles are week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Clifford and little son have returned to their home in Lewiston, Idaho, after spending a year in Sierra Madre.

Mrs. F. Stubbs, state organizer of the equal suffrage movement in New York, is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kent of Sunnyside.

Miss Bertha Newhall of East Saugus, Mass., spent a few days this week as the guest of Miss Gertrude Kellogg of Mountain Trail Avenue.

Mrs. N. P. Lord and Miss Lord who have been guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lord, left on Thursday for their home in St. Joseph, Mo.

J. H. Wright returned Sunday from a business trip through the eastern states, which included stops in New York, Washington and Chicago.

The Christian Endeavor Society will hold a social in the Congregational church parlors this evening. It will be a Saint Patrick's anniversary affair.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Selby of Portsmouth, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. M. V. McQuigg of Pasadena were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Baker on Monday.

The Ladies' Missionary Society held its regular session at the home of Mrs. A. N. Adams on Thursday. Reports of the recent federation meeting in Los Angeles were given by Mrs. E. Wood Davis and Mrs. Humphrey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Van Doozen of Buffalo, N. Y., who are touring California, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Torrance. Mr. Van Doozen is vice president of the Buffalo branch of the Erie Railway system.

Pasadena high school boys numbering several hundred enjoyed a trip to Mt. Wilson on Thursday. The crowd included the physical geography classes and their teacher, with a large number of invited guests, including several Sierra Madre boys.

I. A. Marsh has been removed to the county hospital for treatment.

Mrs. S. R. Winter visited Miss Elizabeth Steinberger of Santa Monica last week.

E. W. Mead is on deck again after being confined to his home for a week by illness.

Miss Agnes Teale of Los Angeles was a guest of the Misses Rice of Auburn Avenue last Friday.

Mrs. A. E. Kirk and Miss Edna Kirk of Ocean Park spent Saturday visiting Sierra Madre friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Gardner and son of Pasadena were guests at the home of Mrs. C. B. Green Sunday.

W. C. Davis has returned from Imperial Valley where he has spent the past month attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrow and Miss Helen Morrow were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ingraham.

Mr. and Mrs. Higginbotham and son of Los Angeles have taken the Todd cottage on South Baldwin for a short time.

Miss Jessie York of Los Angeles has been spending a few days as guests at the home of her cousins, George and Lucile Whitworth.

Miss Bonnie Rockhold and Miss Richardson of Riverside spent the week end at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Roland A. Adams.

Dr. W. Jarvis Barlow and family of Los Angeles have been spending a few days at their residence at Highland and Sierra Madre avenues.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lawless and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jones made an auto trip to Riverside Sunday and enjoyed a visit at the F. R. Yerxa home.

Mrs. Laura Stevenson and Miss Stevenson came up from La Jolla to spend the spring vacation of the Bishop's School for Girls at the Hawks home.

The young ladies' sewing society met at the home of Miss Ruth Sparks Monday evening. An enjoyable evening was spent by the large number of guests present. Delightful refreshments were served.

Mrs. Frank Wright and Mrs. C. W. Mitchell attended an at home given by Dr. and Mrs. George F. Washburne of Pasadena on Sunday. The affair was in honor of Prince Sarath Ghosh who gave an interesting talk.

Mrs. E. T. Pierce was the hostess at a delightful luncheon given at her home Monday in honor of Mrs. N. E. Wilson of Los Angeles, who addressed the Woman's Club in the afternoon. Sierra Madre ladies present were Mmes. C. H. Baker, L. C. Torrance, W. J. Lawless, Frank Wright and W. S. Andrews.

The Junior Audubon Society held a meeting of unusual interest at the home of Elizabeth Krebs last Friday. Mrs. Krebs gave a talk on the birds of the Philippines and a fine collection of birds from the island of Mindanao, belonging to Dr. Krebs, was exhibited. Several papers were read by the children. Delicious refreshments were served after the program.

Woman's Club

Mrs. Wilson of Los Angeles, a director of the Associated Charities and in charge of the Penny Kitchen, addressed the club at its meeting on Monday. Mrs. Wheat, who was to have spoken, was absent on account of illness, and the club will probably be given an opportunity at a later date to hear her speak on "The Woman Who Toils."

On Friday evening, March 22, there will be a symposium on "Vaccination," led by Dr. Abbie J. Mace-Betts. Both sides will be represented and there will be a general discussion.

"Damaged Goods," a morality play by Brieux, will be read at the club's next meeting by Mrs. Morris Cohn of the Friday Morning club of Los Angeles. Mrs. L. C. Torrance and Mrs. L. L. Krebs will discuss Bernard Shaw's preface. This is said to be a play that every woman should hear and a large attendance is urged.

On the evening of March 29 a concert will be given by the O. U. Quartet and the DeNubila Orchestra. The artistic work of the quartet is well known and the orchestra has also been heard in Sierra Madre on several occasions. The admission price will be 50 cents, with 100 tickets for children at 25 cents. The proceeds will be divided between the quartet and the club.

The philanthropy committee is still sending oranges to Los Angeles for the poor. Donations of sound culls or fallen fruit freshly picked up will be acceptable.

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FINE CONCERT PROGRAM

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Great expectations are being aroused by the plans for the concert to be given Friday evening, March 29, by the O. U. Quartet and the DeNubila Orchestra, under the auspices of the Woman's Club. The quartet is composed of Mrs. Hawxhurst, Misses Craig, Humphries and Caskey, with Miss Simmons as accompanist. Seldom is a more effective combination of ladies' voices heard. The DeNubila Orchestra of Los Angeles is an organization of great artistic ability and is always popular here. The program is as follows

Thais ..... Massanet
Orchestra.
The Gypsies .....Schumann
O. U. Quartet.
Since First I Met Thee..Rubenstein
Miss Craig and Orchestra.
Rose Marie ..... Gerritt Smith
Quartet.
Quartet.
Minuet ..... Paderewski
Orchestra.
PART II.
Selection..from "The Spring Maid"
Orchestra.
Humoresque ..... Dvorak
Orchestra.
Stephanie Gavotte.....Czibulka
Madrigale ..... Simmonetti
Orchestra.
Aloha .....
Miss Craig with Quartet and Orchestra.

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Dated this 29th day of February, A. D. 1912.

EMMA J. TAYLOR,
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GRAFTING OF VINES

Methods of Grafting and Treatment of Grafted Plants Discussed

The word grafting on the demonstration train always started the punsters in on the instructor until at last he thought there was nothing new to be said on the subject, writes Mrs. M. E. Sherman in the California Cultivator. The average human feels witty when he says the most obvious things, forgetting that the ninety and nine that went before said just the same thing. The story of wonderful grafting of the willow tree that bore a rose tree top as lofty as an oak has been told so often and located in every state in the Union that one feels a sense of despair that the truth will ever be able to overtake the nimble falsehood.

In a grafted vineyard great care must be exercised in cultivation, as the scions are easily knocked out. After two years the new wood takes hold on the old root and the vines are reasonably strong. When a graft has been destroyed, mark the stake with a red streamer, for the suckers must not be trimmed or the root will die. The next season remove the weaker suckers and whip or splice graft the best of the suckers. A piece of wire two inches long or soft iron or steel is often slipped into the pith in the splice graft and is a quicker way of making it strong. A string covered with wax may be used on these smaller grafts or the clay daubed on after the graft has been tied into place. Cover the graft completely over with loose earth and only uncover it as it grows out.

Now as to the kind of grafts that are best to use, I hardly believe anyone would like to positively declare which is really the best. It does not matter so the vine grows and makes a good union how the result is obtained. I notice Elbert Hubbard said a good thing the other day. It was something like this: "The best bossed businesses are the least bossed." The letting of people alone to do work secures better results than constantly nagging them to do things our way. Right here stands the trouble in many a housekeeper's relations to her maids. She cannot see the result gotten in a way different from her own. Now in grafting a vineyard if a man can show you a piece of his work after three years that shows a forty per cent stand of good strong vines he is good enough to do the work.

Phylloxera has made necessary this form of grafting for resistant roots to the vines, and this is receiving more and more attention each year. There are those that have the courage even now to plant vines on their own roots within a mile of infested vineyards. Now these people may secure a vineyard that will give them a few good crops, but it is a big risk. The phylloxera or root louse of the vine has not developed its winged form in California that makes it travel so rapidly in the old countries. Its spread here in California is certainly very slow. The first vineyards in this neighborhood known to be infected were found back in the eighties and of those vineyards probably more than half are still in profitable production. The lack of the winged form in California is a happy deviation from the usual way in this state; we usually have everything bigger and more vigorous than anywhere else. Entomologists have discovered no reason for the crippled condition of this insect.

The question is often asked where did the phylloxera come from and what does it do to kill the vines? The insect is a native American that was carried away to foreign countries snugly tucked away inside the bark of the roots of the vines. The native American vines have a hard inner bark on which the insect can live, but not work fast enough to kill the vines. The fact that it resists the pests ravages so well has given it the name of resistant stock. The European vines have a soft inner bark on the roots and the phylloxera can multiply and work with great rapidity, so that the vine, deprived of all root nutriment, dies. The French wine grape growers, ever enterprising, began years ago to bring over the American wild grapes and to breed them up and to cross pollinate them to improve bearing qualities of the vineyards. The phylloxera on the roots soon found the foreign grapes to their liking and the ravages began.

The search of the French in securing resistant roots has been long and quite successful in the wine varieties. Now we in California are confronted by the problem of securing resistant roots suited to our soil conditions. The table and raisin grape present considerable problems. Grafting the vines is troublesome and expensive when done in the vineyard. It can be done in the more simple form of bench grafting. The prominent varieties among the thousands of resistants that the French have produced are now to be secured in quantity in California. The resistant St. George (French name Rupestis du Lot), Rupestis X Riparia, 3306, 3309, and Berlandieri X Rupestis, and scores of others that could be mentioned, are all good stock whose adaptability to the soil has to be proven.

Sometimes the grafting is done directly in the vineyard by making a planting of resistant vines and grafting them when two years old. This is open to all the objections of reworking an old vineyard. The approved way is bench grafting the cuttings and then rooting in the nursery. The cuttings are made twelve to fourteen inches long and all the buds except those at the butts removed. This will pletely obliterated. The tops are then prevent suckering if the buds are com- either whip grafted, matching the inner barks carefully, at least on one side, or cut them for the ordinary splice graft and use a piece of wire of soft iron or steel two inches long, pushing it into the pith and bringing the cut parts firmly together. Waxed string is then wrapped closely around the graft to exclude the air. The cuttings are placed in incubator boxes as fast as they are made. These boxes are usually lugs six inches deep and in the bottom a layer of dampened moss is placed. The moss has finely powdered charcoal mixed in and is dampened with Bordeaux mixture one-half strength to kep down mildew. A layer of cuttings, two inches of moss and then another layer of cutings until the box is full. The successful incubating room is one that will hold a uniform degree of heat day and night. A cement cellar makes the best we have found, as the frame rooms above ground cool off too much at night. A stove with a fire night and day to hold the rom at a temperature not below sixty brings the granulation on quickly.

When the grafts have healed in and the roots at the ends have started to grow, the boxes are taken up to the porch to harden off. The first day or so the canvas wagon covers are kept over the boxes. Then these are removed for a few hours daily. The top rows of cuttings are planted out first and the next rows are hardened by the exposure. The moss is kept firm and damp over the roots and the tops only are hardened off by exposure to the air. The grafts in the nursery should be planted in ridged rows and the earth lightly placed around them to prevent their drying out. As they start to grow give them more light and air and go over them frequently to prevent the scions from rooting downward instead of growing upward into vines. It is well to make a selection in setting out the nursery and plant only the best and strongest grafts in one place and put the weaker ones in another. The strong ones may be worked with horse labor, while the weaker ones had best be handled by a careful Chinaman with his tools.

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SYNOPSIS

In Paris Fitzgerald meets Karl Breitmann, a mysterious adventurer, and sees a beautiful American girl, who interests him. Breitmann dreams of securing 2,000,000 francs.

Ferraud, a French detective and butterfly collector, is shadowing Breitmann for France, whose safety he imperils. Germany is also interested in Breitmann. In New York Fitzgerald meets Cathewe.

Fitzgerald on a wager poses as an Italian vender of plaster statuettes. A beautiful young woman asks him to call at a house in Dalton. The house is owned by Admiral Killigrew.

The beautiful young woman, Miss Laura Killigrew, asks him to become her father's secretary and clear up a mysterious tapping in the house. The burglar alarm wires have been tampered with.

Breitmann instead of Fitzgerald is engaged as the admiral's secretary. Hunting pirate's treasure is the admiral's hobby. His ancient home had been owned by a French exile.

Laura tells Breitmann about the strange noises in the big chimney of the house. Fitzgerald and Breitmann plan to trap the intruder who is seeking something in the chimney.

Some one has been tampering with Breitmann's trunk. Fitzgerald and Breitmann find loosened brick in the chimney and a chalk diagram

The admiral partly dismantles the chimney, and Breitmann finds papers describing a treasure hidden in Corsica by soldiers of Napoleon to aid his return to power.

In the intervening time the subject of this light suggestion was climbing the hill with that tireless resilient step of one born to mountains. No task appeared visibly to weary this man. Small as he was, his bones were as strong and his muscles as stringy as a wolf's. If the butterfly was worth while he would follow till it fell to his net or daylight withdrew its support.

So it fell out very well that Admiral Killigrew was fond of butterflies. Still, he should have been equally glad to know that the sailor's hobby inclined toward the exploits of pirates. M. Ferraud was a modest man. That his exquisite brochure on lepidopterous insects was in nearly all the public libraries of the world only gratified, but added nothing to his vanity.

As it oftentimes happens to a man whose mind is occupied with other things, the admiral, who received M. Ferraud in the library, saw nothing in the name to kindle his recollection. He bade the savant to be seated while he read the letter of introduction which had been written by the secretary of the navy:

My Dear Killigrew—This will introduce to you M. Ferraud of the butterfly fame. He has learned of the success of your efforts in the West Indies and South America and is eager to see your collection Do what you can for him. I know you will, for you certainly must have his book. I myself do not know a butterfly from a June bug, but it will be a pleasure to bring you two together.

Breitmann arranged his papers neatly and waited to be dismissed. He had seen M. Ferraud at Swan's, but had formed no opinion regarding him; in fact, the growth of his interest had stopped at indifference. On his part the new arrival never so much as gave the secretary a second glance—the first was sufficient. And while the admiral read on M. Ferraud examined the broken skin on his palms.

"Mr. Ferraud! Well, well; this is a great honor, I'm sure. It was very kind of them to send you here. Where is your luggage?"

"I am stopping at Swan's hotel."

"We shall have your things up this very night."

"Oh!" said Ferraud, in protest, though this was the very thing he desired.

"Not a word!" The admiral summoned the butler, who was the general factotum at the Pines, and gave a dozen orders.

"Ah, you Americans!" laughed M. Ferraud, pyramiding his fingers. "You leave us breathless."

"Your book has delighted me. But I'm afraid my collection will not pay you for your trouble."

"That is for me to decide. My South American specimens are all seconds. On the other hand, you have netted yours yourself!"

And straightaway a bond of friendship was riveted between these two men which still remains bright and untarnished by either absence or forgetfulness. They bent over the cases, agreed and disagreed, the one with the sharp gestures, the other with the rise and fall of the voice. For them nothing else existed; they were truly engrossed.

Breitmann, hiding a smile that was partly a yawn, stole quietly away. Butterflies did not excite his concern in the least.

M. Ferraud was charmed. He was voluble. Never had he entered a more homelike place, large enough to be called a chateau, yet as cheerful as a writer's fire. And the daughter! Her French was the elegant speech of Tours, her German Hanoverian. Incomparable! And she was not married? Helas! How many luckless fellows walked the world desolate? And this was M. Fitzgerald the journalist? And M. Breitmann had also been one? How delighted he was to be here! All this flowed on with perfect naturalness; there wasn't a false note anywhere. At dinner he diffused a warmth and geniality which were infectious. Laura was pleased and amused; and she adored her father for these impulses which brought to the board, unexpectedly, such men as M. Ferraud.

M. Ferraud did not smoke, but he dissipated to the extent of drinking three small cups of coffee after dinner.

"You are right," he acknowledged—there had been a slight dispute relative to the methods of roasting the berry—"Europe does not roast its coffee; it burns it. The aroma, the bouquet! I am beaten."

"So am I," Fitzgerald reflected sadly, snatching a vision of the girl's animated face.

Three days he had ridden into the country with her, or played tennis, or driven down to the village and inspected the yacht. He had been lonely so long and this beautiful girl was such a good comrade. One moment he blessed the prospective treasure hunt, another he execrated it. To be with this girl was to love her; and whither this pleasurable idleness would lead him he was neither blind nor self deceiving. But with the semihumorous recklessness which was the leaven of his success, he thrust prudence behind him and stuck to the primrose path. He had played with fire before, but never had the coals burned so brightly. He did not say that she was above him; mentally and by birth they were equals; simply, he was compelled to admit of the truth that she was beyond him. Money. That was the obstacle. For what man will live on his wife's bounty? That bodice and those sleeves of old Venetian point would have eaten up the gains of any three of his most prosperous months.

And Breitmann, dropping occasionally the ash of his cigarette on the tray, he, too, was pondering. But his German strain did not make it so easy for him as for Fitzgerald to give concrete form to his thought. The outlook, as he saw it, had a nebulous appearance.

M. Ferraud chatted gayly. Usually a man who holds his audience is of single purpose. The little Frenchman had two aims; one, to keep the conversation on subjects of his own selection, and the other, to study without being observed.

With Laura's rising the little after dinner party became disorganized.

It was yet early; but perhaps she had some thought she wished to be alone with. This consideration was the veriest bud in growth; still, it was such that she desired the seclusion of her room. She swung across her shoulders the sleepy Angora and wished the men good night.

The wire bell in the hall clock vibrated twice; 2 o'clock of the morning. A streak of moonshine fell aslant the floor and broke off abruptly. Before the safe in the library stood Breitmann, a small tape in his hand. For several minutes he contemplated somberly the nickel combination wheel. He could open it for he knew the combination. To open it would be the work of a moment. Why, then, did he hesitate? Why not pluck it forth and disappear on the morrow? The admiral had not made a copy, and without the key he might dig up Corsica till the crack of doom. The flame on the taper crept down. The man gave a quick movement to his shoulders; it was the shrug, not of impatience, but of resignation. He saw the lock through the haze of a conjured face. He shut his eyes, but the vision remained. Slowly he drew his fingers over the flame.

Yet before the flame died wholly it touched two points of light in the doorway, the round crystals of a pair of spectacles.

"Two souls with but a single thought!" the secret agent murmured. "Poor devil! Why does he hesitate? Why does he not take it and be gone? Is he still honest? I must be growing old. I shall not ruin him, I shall save him. It is not good politics, but it is good Christianity."

CHAPTER XI.

THE WOMAN WHO KNEW.

"DON'T you sometimes grow weary for an abiding place?" Laura pulled off her gauntlets and laid her hot hands on the cool lichen grown stones of the field wall. The bridle rein hung over her arm. Fitzgerald had drawn his through a stirrup. "Think of wandering here and there, with never a place to come back to."

"I have thought of it often in the few days I have been here. I have a home in New York, but I could not possibly afford to live in it; so I rent it; and when I want to go fishing there's enough under hand to pay the expenses. My poor old dad! He was always indorsing notes for his friends or carrying stock for them and nothing ever came back. I am afraid the disillusions broke his heart. And then perhaps I was a bitter disappointment. I was expelled from college in my junior year. I had no head for figures other than that kind which inhabit the Louvre and the Vatican."

Her face became thoughtful.

"Isn't Mr. Breitmann just a bit of a mystery to you?" she asked.

"In some ways, yes."

"He is inclined to be too much reserved But last night Mr. Ferraud succeeded in tearing down some of it. If I could put in a book what all you men have seen and taken part in! Mr. Breitmann would be almost handsome but for those scars."

He kicked the turf at the foot of the wall. "In Germany they are considered beauty spots."

"I am not in sympathy with that custom."

"Still, it requires courage of a kind."

"The noblest wounds are those that are carried unseen. Student scars are merely patches of vanity."

"He has others besides those. He was nearly killed in the Sudan." Fitzgerald was compelled to offer some defense for the absent. That Breitmann had lied to him, that his appearance here had been in the regular order of things, did not take away the fact that the Bavarian was a man and a brave one. Closely as he had watched, up to the present he had learned absolutely nothing; and to have shown Breitmann the telegram would have accomplished nothing further than to have put him wholly on guard.

"Are you eager to return to the great highways once more?"

"I should like to stay here for a hundred years."

"You would miss us all very much then," merrily. "And Napoleon's treasure would have gone in and out of innumerable pockets!"

"Do you really and truly believe that we shall bring home a single franc of it?" facing her with incredulous eyes.

"Really and truly. And why not? Treasures have been found before. Fie on you for a doubting Thomas! What a gay little man that Mr. Ferraud is!"

"Lively as a cricket. Your father, I understand, is to take him as far as Marseilles. After tonight everything will be quite formal, I suppose. Honestly, I feel ill at ease in accepting your splendid hospitality. I'm an interloper. I haven't even the claim of an ordinary introduction. It has been very, very kind of you."

"You know Mrs. Coldfield. I will, if you wish it, ask her to present you to me."

"I am really serious."

"So am I."

"They will be here tomorrow?"

"Yes. And in four days we sail. Oh, it is all so beautiful! A real treasure hunt."

"It does not seem possible that I have been here a week. It has been a long time since I enjoyed myself so thoroughly. Have you ever wondered what has become of the other man?"

"The other man?"

"Yes; the other one in or outside the chimney. I've been thinking about him this long while. Hasn't it occurred to you that he may have other devices?"

"If he has he will find that he has waited too long. But I would like to know how he found out. You see," triumphantly, "he believed that there is one." She shook the rein, for the sleek mare was nozzling her shoulder and pawing slightly. "Let us be off."

She put her small booted foot on his palm and vaulted into the saddle, and he swung on to his mount. He stuffed his cap into a pocket, for he was no fair weather horseman, but loved the tingle of the wind rushing through his hair, and the two cantered down the clear sandy road.

Fitzgerald was light hearted and boyish, Breitmann was grave and dignified, but in the eyes of each there was a force the girl had encountered so seldom as to forget its being. Breitmann, in his capacity as secretary, was not so often in her company as Fitzgerald; nevertheless she was subtly attracted toward him. When he was of the mind he could invent a happy compliment with a felicity no less facile than Fitzgerald. And the puzzling thing of it all was, both men she knew from their histories had never been ornaments at garden parties where compliments are current coin. She liked Fitzgerald, but she admired Breitmann, a differentiation which she had no inclination to resolve into first principles. That Breitmann was a secretary for hire drew no barrier in her mind. She had known many gentlemen of fine families who had served in like situations. There were no social distinctions. On the other hand, she never felt wholly comfortable with Breitmann. There was not the least mistrust in this feeling. It was rather because she instinctively felt that he was above his occupation. To sum it up briefly, Breitmann was difficult to understand and Fitzgerald wasn't.

Fitzgerald had an idea; boldly put, it was a grave suspicion. Not once had he forgotten the man in the chimney. Once the finger had pointed at Breitmann or some one with whom he was in understanding. This had proved to be groundless. But he kept turning over the incident and inspecting it from all sides. There were others a-treasure hunting; persons unknown; and a man might easily become desperate in the pursuit of 2,000,000 francs, almost half a million of American money, more, for some of these coins would be rare. He had thoroughly searched the ground outside the cellar window, but the sea gravel held its secret with a tenacity as baffling as the mother sea herself. There was a new under groom, or rather there had been. He had left, and where he had gone no one knew. Fitzgerald dismissed the thought of him; at the most he could have been out an accomplice, one to unlock the cellar window.

While Breitmann lingered near Laura, offering what signs of admiration he dared, and, while the admiral chatted to his country neighbors who were gathered round the tea table, Fitzgerald and M. Ferraud were braced against the terrace wall, a few yards farther on, and exchanged views on various peoples.

"America is a wonderful country," said M. Ferraud, when they had exhausted half a dozen topics. He spread out his hands, Frenchman wise.

"So it is." Fitzgerald threw away his cigarette and quietly caught the other by the wrist and turned the palm.

M. Ferraud looked into his face with an astonishment on his own, most genuine. But he did not struggle. "Why do you do that?"

"I am curious, Mr. Ferraud, when I see a hand like this. Would you mind letting me see the other?"

"Not in the least." M. Ferraud offered the other hand.

Fitzgerald let go. "What was your object?"

"What object?"

Fitzgerald lowered his voice. "What was your object in digging holes in yonder chimney? Did you know what was there? And what do you propose to do now?"

M. Ferraud coolly took off his spectacles and polished the lenses. It needed but a moment to adjust them. "What are you talking about?"

"You are really M. Ferraud?" said the young man coldly.

The Frenchman produced a wallet and took out a letter. It was written by the president of France, introducing M. Ferraud to the ambassador at Washington. Next, there was a passport, and far more important than either of these was the Legion of Honor. "Yes, I am Anatole Ferraud."

"That is all I desire to know."

"Shall we return to the ladies?" asked M. Ferraud, restoring his treasures. "Since there is nothing more to be said at present. It seems strange to me that foreign politics should find its way here."

"Politics? I am only a butterfly hunter."

"There are varieties. But you are the man. I shall find out!"

"Possibly," returned M. Ferraud thinking hard.

"I give you fair warning that if anything is missing"—

"Oh, Mr. Fitzgerald!"

"I shall know where to look for it," with a smile which had no humor in it.

"Why not denounce me now?"

"Would it serve your purpose?"

"No," with deeper gravity. "It would be a great disaster; how great I cannot tell you."

"Then, I shall say nothing."

"About what?" dryly, even whimsically.

"About your being a secret agent from France."

This time M. Ferraud's glance proved that he was truly startled. Only three times in his career had his second life been questioned or suspected. Should he trust this young man? With that swift unerring instinct which makes the perfect student of character, he said, "You will do me a great favor not to impart this suspicion to any one else."

"Suspicion?"

"It is true: I am a secret agent;" and he said it proudly.

"You wish harm to none here?"

"No. I am here for the very purpose of saving you all from heartaches and misfortune and disillusion. And had I set to work earlier I should have accomplished all this without a single one of you knowing it. Now the matter will have to go on to its end."

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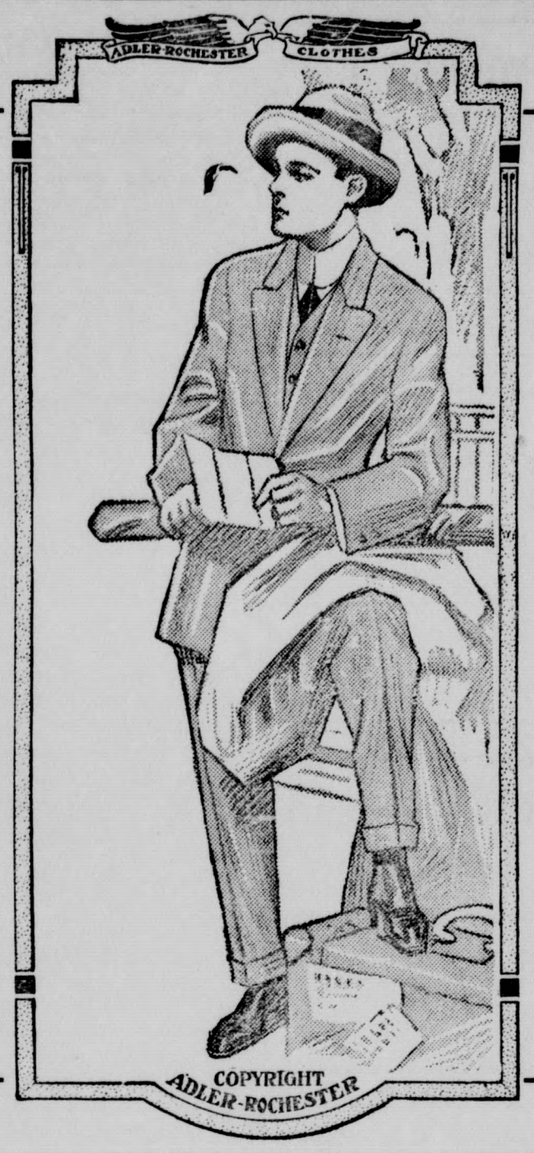

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Bonds.....$1000.00
Interest on bonds.....$750.00

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the directors of the Sierra Madre Water Company, held on the 4th day of March, 1912, an assessment of 20 cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of said corporation, payable forthwith to C. J. Pegler the secretary and treasurer of said corporation, at his office, Room "F," Kersting Court, in said City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, California. Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 8th day of April, 1912, will be delinquent and will be advertised for sale at public auction, and, unless payment is made before, will be sold on the 30th day of April, 1912, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertislng and expense of sale.

C. J. PEGLER
Secratery of Sierra Madre Water Company.

Location of office of the company: The office whereat the secretary and treasurer conduct the business of the corporation, Room "F," Kersting Court, in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of Califtornia.

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BY THE WAY

It is to be hoped that during the present city campaign Sierra Madre will be spared from the anonymous circular nuisance. There are certain legal restrictions about the issuance of such circulars which make it a more or less perilous procedure. But there are other considerations which will have more weight. Any man who has any positive, constructive doctrines to put before the public should not be ashamed to do so over his own name. Failure to attach his signature would seem to indicate either that he is ashamed to advocate his ideas openly, or else that he so doubts his own standing before the public as to realize that his own name would carry condemnation of the ideas advanced, in the public mind.

What has been said of the anonymous advocacy of doctrines, applies with still greater force to campaign documents relating to candidates for office. Of all despicable cowards perhaps the greatest is the man who will anonymously circulate matter derogatory to another man. The fact is so self evident as to need no argument. Moreover, such action is a criminal offence, deserving of vigorous prosecution. To hide behind the name of an imaginary or defunct organization is practically the same thing, and just as cowardly.

A common political trick is the issuance of campaign circulars a day or two before an election in the hope that time will not be given for the refutation of allegations advanced. Such matter deserves no consideration whatever at the hands of voters. In fact it receives no consideration at the hands of most voters, but undoubtedly carries weight with the unthinking and those who give everybody credit for being absolutely honest. A sense of fairness to the public would seem to dictate taht time should be given in advance of election for the sifting of every particle of evidence bearing upon the issues at stake.

The Sierra Madre public has suffered in the past from all the abuses named. Let this campaign be an exception. Let the fighting be open and above board and let the broadsides be fired early to give the public a fair chance. The News predicts that the temper of the public on this subject is such that any candidate violating these simple rules or permitting his candidacy to be urged by any such methods will receive an emphatic rebuke at the polls.

KNOCKING THE KNOCKER

The following clipping from the Local-Press of Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y., is applicable to almost every city and town in the country:

The "knocker" is a person we all can well spare. He is known in every town and community.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Later He created man and woman. Next the "knocker" butted in without an invitation. And he has been butting in ever since, just at the time when his presence is least desirable. He first appeared in the form of a serpent, and he has been appearing in the form of almost everything from a grasshopper to a donkey ever since. When he can't find anything else to knock on, he growls about his wife's cooking and vises himself by telling his children what good-for-nothing brats they are.

He knocks on the church because there happen to be people almost as worthless as he is in it, and he knocks on the saloonkeeper, because perhaps, he can't get booze on credit. He knocks on the school, when in some instances he has no children to send. He knocks on the postmaster because he fails to get a letter or paper just when he imagines he ought to. He knocks on one neighbor because he is successful and on another because he is unfortunate. He knocks on his own constantly and keeps a chunk of discouragement handy to throw at every public enterprise that comes along.

He contributes nothing to the public welfare, yet is everlastingly nursing a sore spot against the world, because he feels he has not been properly treated. He knocks on his local paper because it isn't as big as the metropolitan papers, but roars loud and long when he is asked to pay up his subscription.

Knocking is like smallpox; it's contagious. Most any man is likely to be guilty of the offense occasionally, but he ought to go out and kick himself every time he errs in this way. Don't heed the knocker; turn a deaf ear to his tale of woe, lest you be repeating it. Knocking is an expensive pastime. It has destroyed friendship, broken up homes, changed the course of railways, blocked important legislation, depopulated cities, and played "Old Nick" ever since the devil broke into the Garden of Eden and knocked the apple off the tree, "whose mortal taste brought death to the world and all our woe."

If you have the "knocking habit," now is a good time to take it out and bury it so deep that forty tons of dynamite couldn't blow it out of its resting place. But if you must knock, turn your hammer on some other person, place or thing that is not likely to be affected by your thumps. Give your neighbor the glad hand and your own town the glad word.

The only way to make the world better is to get better yourself. The only way to make your town livelier is to step livelier yourself. Get busy and you will forget the faults of others. The world is a pretty good place for those who make it so. Therefore, don't knock, unless it is to knock the "stuffin'" out of some chronic knocker.

You get $1.50 in value for $1 by paying for a dollar's worth of News liners in advance. A 50-cent box of fine stationery thrown in. Use the liners all at once or any time you wish.

The Theaters

Mason

The management of the Mason Opera House has pleasure in announcing "The Slim Princess," with winsome Elsie Janis as the star, for a week's engagement beginning Monday evening, March 8th, with Wednesday and Saturday matiness. "The Slim Princess," which Miss Janis will use to introduce herself to the Pacific Coast, in the guise of a harem-skirted Turkish maiden, is a musical comedy in three acts, the making of which enlisted the best efforts of three of the cleverest men who devote their talents to stage productions. Henry Blossom, the author of "The Red Mill" and "Mlle. Modiste," wrote the libretto of "The Slim Princess" after the ludicrous novellette by George Ade, the humorous philosopher. The musical score was furnished by Leslie Stuart, the English composer whose best known work in America is "Florodora" of tuneful memory. Janis, Stuart, Ade and Blossom—there is a quartette to conjure with when the desired result be clean, wholesome, sprightly musical comedy. To perfect the equation of absolute certainty of success required only the fastidious taste and prodigal expenditure which always characterizes the productions bearing the artistic trade-mark of Mr. Charles Dillingham. "The Slim Princess" was the big success of the season at Mr. Dillingham's Globe theater in New York last year and it comes here with practically the same notable cast and with precisely the same beautiful pictorial enframement and rich costuming which were everywhere remarked on the occasion of the New York opening. Miss Janis is a host in herself but she has very capable assistance in her job of fun making from Joseph Cawthorn, the unctuous German comedian whose elephantine proportions and methods are in such quaint contrast to the dainty personality and piquant style of the young star.

Grand

Announcement is made by the management of the Grand Opera house of the fifth week of "The Girl and The Boy," Walter De Leon's new musical comedy, which has made such a decided impression on the theater-goers of Los Angeles and vicinity. The attendance during the past week has been great and the advance demand for seats, as well as requests that the De Leon offering be continued, so numerous, that a fifth week is made positively necessary. It is estimated that so far, at least one-third of the population of Los Angeles has seen "The Girl and The Boy." It is this portion of Los Angeles' citizens who have told the others how really worthy is "The Girl and The Boy," that has aroused in everyone a desire to see this splendid musical offering.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Juan Doray, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the Estate of Juan Doray, deceased, to the Creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit the same with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said administratrix at her place of business which is hereby designated as Room No. 417 Chamber of Commerce Building, Los Angeles City, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated this 13th day of March, A. D., 1912.

E. LENGFELDER.

Administrator of the Estate of Juan Doray, deceased.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 157 of the City of Sierra Madre, passed March 6th, 1912, notice is hereby given that a general municipal election will be held in the City of Sierra Madre, California, on Monday, the 8th day of April, 1912, for the following purposes, to-wit:

For the election of two members of the Board of Trustees of said city, to hold office for the period of four years from and after the Monday next succeeding the day of such election.

For the election of one member of the Board of Trustees of said city, to hold office for the period of two years from and after the Monday next succeeding the day of such election.

For the election of a City Clerk.

For the election of a City Treasurer.

To submit to the qualified electors of said city the question of whether the members of the Board of Trustees shall receive compensation for their services in the sum of ten dollars per month to be paid to each member of said board.

That for the purpose of holding said election the whole of the City of Sierra Madre is hereby precincted into one election precinct, to be known as Sierra Madre Precinct No. 1, the boundaries of which precinct are co-extensive with the corporate limits of the City of Sierra Madre.

That the City Hall of the City of Sierra Madre has been fixed by said ordinance as the polling place for such election.

That the following qualified electors of the City of Sierra Madre have been appointed by said ordinance as election officers for such election, to-wit:

Judges: A. L. Caskey, Democrat, R. A. Adams, Republican.

Inspectors: S. R. Norris, Democrat, E. N. Mead, Republican.

Clerks: H. H. Steinberger, Republican, J. A. Kramer, Democrat.

That the polls for such election will be open at six o'clock in the morning on April 8, 1912, and will remain open until six o'clock in the afternoon of same day, when the polls will be closed.

C. H. PERRY,
City Clerk.

Sierra Madra, California, March 6, 1912.

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